

Increase access to Medicaid dental services in private dental offices and community health centers

Agency/Program #: 69010-11-11
Division: Health Resources
Program: Medicaid State Plan Services

Agency Name:	Department of Public Health and Human Services	
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Program or Project Description:

The Health Resources Division (HRD) administers Medicaid acute and primary care services, children's mental health services, the Big Sky RX program, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund				
State Special				
Federal Funds				
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of October 31, 2007

Goal(s):

Increase access to Medicaid dental services in private dental offices and community health centers

Performance Measures :

Increase dental access by 4.7% as measured by the number of unique client visits to a dental provider. Target goal is 22,813 people by June 30, 2009. (FY 2006 is 21,893 and FY 2007 is not complete.)

Increase the number of clients who receive dental services in a community health center by 5% in FY 08 and an additional 5% in FY 09, from a baseline of 3,900 in FY 06. FY 07 data, which is not the baseline, is 3,686. (FY 2007 claims costs are not yet complete.)

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Performance Report:**LFD Narrative:****EXECUTIVE CHANGES:**

1. Changes to Goals/Initiatives No
2. Changes to Performance Measures Yes - The numeric values were eliminated. For instance, the measures developed by HRD and reported to and reviewed by the LFC included increasing dental access by 4.7 percent for private dental practices and by 5.0 percent in Community Health Centers. Both the 4.7 and 5.0 percent were removed.

LFD ASSESSMENT:

1. Goal is measurable within the biennium Yes
2. Progress toward goal Warning - The provider rate increase designed to enhance access was instituted on October 1, 2007 in conformance with legislative expectations. However, information on other parts of the dental access initiative were not reported. Also, it will be difficult to measure progress toward the goal since the numeric "yard sticks" were removed.

APPROPRIATION ISSUES

1. Appropriation/Expenditures Provided No - The appropriation for dental access was not provided. However, the legislature could chose to use the amount appropriated for the new proposal to increase dental access which was \$2,982,129 in FY 2008 and \$3,032,709

OPTIONS REGARDING GOAL/INITIATIVE AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Issues - The LFC could request that the information provided by HRD regarding dental access be provided in such a way as to determine whether the numeric measures originally selected by the program were attained. The legislature could also request that HRD estimate how much of the appropriation was used when it next reports to the LFC.



Version	Date	Author
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Change Description
LFD narrative added



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Goals/Objectives

Agency Contact: Mary Dalton **Phone Number:** 444-4458
Agency Name: Department of Public Health and Human Services
Division: Health Resources Division
Program (identify and briefly describe): The division administers Medicaid acute and primary care services, children's mental health services, the Big Sky RX program and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

List a single goal and brief description:

Increase dental access in the Medicaid state plan to private dental offices and community health centers.

Describe the performance measures related to this goal:

1. Increase dental access of Medicaid recipients.
2. Increase the number of clients who receive dental services in a community health centers.

List significant milestones and target dates to be completed in the 2009 Biennium:

1. Measure the unique client visits to a dental provider on an annual basis. A provider rate increase with an effective date of 10/01/07 was instituted to allow provider reimbursement to 85% of billed charges in the aggregate. The child and adult reimbursement rates were also aligned to increase access. The Division will monitor individual clients served by a private dental provider using the Department's decision support system on a semi-annual basis each January and July.
2. The community health centers increase in dental visits.

Describe the current status of the measurements related to the goal:

1. On June 30, 2006, the number of dental clients served was 21,893, which is 27% of overall Medicaid recipients.
2. State fiscal year 2007 is not complete since claims have 365 days for processing. After all data is considered complete, the division will report the number of dental clients served.
3. In state fiscal year 2006, the community health centers client visits were 8,505.